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CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

REPORT.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:

Gentlemen: The Record Commissioners herewith present a further report of the work done by them since the last report made to your honorable body:

PROVIDENCE TOWN PAPERS.

The work in this class of records has been so far advanced that it may be said to be practically completed although from time to time accessions are made to the already voluminous collection of documents relating to the affairs of the town.

At the time of the presentation of the last report all the documents in what has been called by the Commissioners the third series and comprising papers up to the year 1828 had been arranged and classified filling one hundred and thirty-eight volumes. Since then the series has been completed and includes the following volumes covering the years 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832:

Vol. 139.	1828	Nos. 0055063 to 0055981
Vol. 140.	1828	Nos. 0055982 to 0056396
Vol. 141.	1828–1829	Nos. 0056397 to 0057304
Vol. 142.	1829	Nos. 0057305 to 0057695
Vol. 143.	1829	Nos. 0057696 to 0058357
Vol. 144.	1829	Nos. 0058358 to 0058896

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Vol. 146.	1830	Nos. 0059300 to 0059825
Vol. 147.	1830	Nos. 0059826 to 0060653
Vol. 148.	1830–1831	Nos. 0060654 to 0061482
Vol. 149.	1831	Nos. 0061483 to 0061864
Vol. 150.	1831	Nos. 0061865 to 0062777
Vol. 151.	1831–1832	Nos. 0062778 to 0063576
Vol. 152.	Dec. 1717 Dec. 1827	Nos. 0063577 to 0063640
Vol. 153.	No date	Nos. 0063641 to 0063837
Vol. 154.	No date	Nos. 0063838 to 0064170
Vol. 155.	1722–1801	Sprague Papers.

Most of the documents included between the years 1642 and 1790 inclusive have been indexed, the index to them being a part of the Fourth Report of the Record Commissioners.

In order to complete the work on the earliest of the documentary possessions of the City the Commissioners have caused the volumes designated by them as the second series to be thoroughly indexed and this index accompanies and is a part of this report.

The documents in this so called second series comprise the papers that were temporarily deposited with the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1845 and which have now been returned to the City. This class of documents consists of 1369 papers being dated from 1639 to 1823 and are arranged in five volumes as follows:

Vol. 1.	1639 to April 1682 . . .	Nos. 01 to 0367
Vol. 2.	Apr. 1682 to Mar. 1722. .	Nos. 0368 to 0717
Vol. 3.	Apr. 1722 to Feb. 1754. .	Nos. 0718 to 0974
Vol. 4.	Aug. 1754 to June 1823 .	Nos. 0975 to 01056
Vol. 5.	No date papers.	Nos. 01057 to 01369

The index to this series presents more than 3500 references and has been prepared under the direction of the Commissioners by Nathan M. Wright from material furnished by Welcome Arnold Greene. Mr. Greene's long experience in the study of Rhode Island history and institutions and of ancient manuscripts has peculiarly fitted him for the work of selecting from these torn, faded and half legible papers the salient points contained in them.

In addition to the donation of ancient documents relating to the town of Providence heretofore made the Commissioners have received from Samuel Anthony Hazard, Esquire, of this city, papers formerly the property of early representatives of the Fenner family, which papers in many cases refer to similar documents that were donated to the city by the late William Henry Fenner and are therefore of peculiar value to the municipality. There have also been received from the late Mrs. Harriet S. Humason of St. Louis, Mo., through the instrumentality of Lewis D. Greene, Lieutenant Seventh Infantry U. S. A., twenty-five ancient papers belonging to the Sprague family and these with the Fenner papers have been arranged in volumes with other papers belonging to the town.

MAPS AND PLANS OF PROVIDENCE.

In 1823 Daniel Anthony, a surveyor of much skill and experience, who twenty years previous had made the first complete map of the town, issued a Map of the Town of Providence from actual surveys, elegantly engraved on copper plates. Mr. Anthony

sold and conveyed both the copyright and the plates of that map to the Town of Providence on April 24, 1824, since which time the plates have been stored away among the city's possessions, while the papers relating to this interesting transaction are on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

So scarce had prints from these plates become and so much sought after were they on account of the importance of their subject matter that the Commissioners have had copies of this ancient map struck off and inserted in this report. So valuable are maps of like character in determining the location of ancient boundaries, and so strikingly do they furnish illustration of the growth of the town or city, that, inasmuch as no such compilation has ever been made so far as the Commissioners are aware, they have caused the following list of the various maps of the town and city that have been printed, to be prepared. This list contains only such as have been separately printed or are contained in official or semi-official publications and has been prepared through the courtesy of Otis F. Clapp, Esq., City Engineer.

"A map of the Town of Providence from actual survey by Daniel Anthony 1803." Scale about 700 feet per inch. Size 24″ x 16″. One of these maps is on file in the City Engineer's Office.

"Map of the Town of Providence from actual survey by Daniel Anthony 1823." Scale about 700 feet per inch. Size 24″ x 35″. One of these maps is on file in the City Engineer's Office. The original copper plate of this map is the property of the city.

An Atlas, on file in the City Clerk's office, in 16

sheets, each sheet 19″ x 23″, drawn on a scale of 100 feet per inch, has printed on the outside cover this title: "Plat of the Town of Providence 1823." The report presented with this atlas is as follows: "At a town meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence legally warned and assembled at the town house on Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1823, this atlas was presented in open town meeting with the report as follows: Report is made to this meeting and is as follows: The undersigned, a committee to cause a plat to be draughted of the public streets and gangways of the Town of Providence, respectfully report that they have employed Mr. Daniel Anthony to survey said streets and to delineate a plat thereof which they believe from his long experience and practice as a surveyor in the business of the town he has executed with accuracy and correctness. The committee also caused to be transcribed an alphabetical list of the streets with an index to the records of the layout and other doings touching said streets all which is respectfully submitted by Zachariah Allen, Thomas Burgess, Comt."

It is probable that this atlas furnished the materials for the map of the town of the same date previously referred to.

"Map of the City of Providence and Town of North Providence from actual survey by B. Lockwood & S. B. Cushing 1835." Scale about 1340 feet per inch. Size 20″ x 30″. One of these maps is on file in the City Engineer's Office. It includes the entire Town of North Providence with highways, topography, &c.

"A map of the City of Providence from actual survey by Cushing & Walling 1849." Size 20″ x 24″. Scale 1000 feet per inch. Published by Gladding & Proud, Providence, R. I. This map shows parts of Cranston, Johnston, North Providence, and East Providence. Wards are shown in colors. One of these maps is on file in the Rhode Island Historical Society.

"A map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island. From surveys under the direction of H. F. Walling 1857." Scale 350 feet per inch. Size 58″ x 62″. This is a large wall map showing all streets and buildings in Providence and in portions of North Providence, East Providence, and Johnston.

On Feb. 10, 1869, at the request of Sampson, Davenport & Co., directory publishers, the City of Providence appropriated four hundred dollars toward defraying the expense of a new copper plate map of the City of Providence. Part of this sum was for the services of the City Engineer and the remainder for the purchase of three hundred copies of the completed map. Walling's large wall map of 1857 was then reduced by photography and corrected and maps of school districts numbered four and ten of the Town of Cranston, then recently annexed to the City of Providence, were changed to the same scale and the whole combined in one map under the direction of the City Engineer. The completed map bore the following title: "Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island. Prepared under the direction of C. E. Paine, City Engineer, 1869." Scale 1000 feet per inch. Size 23″ x 28″. Since 1869 this map, corrected

and enlarged from time to time and under a modified title, has been published annually with the city directory. Original is on file in the City Engineer's Office.

A small map on page nine of "Beer's Atlas of the State of Rhode Island" bears the following title: "Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, by D. G. Beers & Co. 1870." Scale 100 rods to an inch. Size 12″ x 15″. This map includes parts of North Providence, Johnston, Cranston, and East Providence.

"Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, from actual surveys and official records. Compiled and published by D. G. Beers & Co., 320 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 1870." Scale 400 feet per inch. Size 59″ x 66″. This is a large wall map showing all streets and buildings in the City of Providence and includes parts of East Providence, North Providence, Johnston and Cranston. A copy of this map is on file in the City Engineer's Office.

"City atlas of Providence, Rhode Island, by wards, Complete in three volumes. Surveyed and published under the direction of G. M. Hopkins, C. E., 320 Walnut street, Philadelphia, 1875."

This atlas in four hundred twenty pages contains the most complete maps of Providence ever published. Buildings, street numbers, owners' names, lot numbers, areas, &c., are generally shown on each lot. Scale of maps from 80 to 240 feet per inch. Size 17″ x 26″. An index map of the City of Providence drawn on a scale of 1400 feet per inch is furnished on page eight. On file in City Engineer's Office.

A map accompanying an "Illustrated Handbook of Providence by J. C. Thompson 1876" bears the following title: "New map of the City of Providence compiled from the latest official authorities published by J. C. Thompson 1875." Scale 2000 feet per inch. Size 12″ x 15″. This map includes parts of East Providence, Cranston, Johnston and North Providence.

"Index map of the City of Providence. Compiled and drawn from the most reliable sources by Albert L. Bodwell 1880. J. A. & R. A. Reid, 56 Weybosset street, Providence, R. I." Scale about 1200 feet per inch. Size 24″ x 27″. A copy of this map is on file in the City Engineer's Office.

"Atlas of the City of Providence, R. I., and environs, from official records, private plans and actual surveys. Published by G. M. Hopkins, C. E., 320 Walnut street, Philadelphia, 1882." This atlas includes also parts of East Providence, Johnston, Warwick, Cranston, and North Providence. All lots, streets, buildings, &c., are shown. Forty-four sheets, size 14″ x 18″. Scale usually 200 feet per inch. A copy of this atlas is on file in the City Engineer's Office.

A map issued in the "Providence Street Directory" bears this title: "New map of the City of Providence compiled from the latest authorities. Published by C. A. Pabodie & Son, 385 Westminster street. Size 14″ x 17″. Scale about 2000 feet per inch.

"New Topographical Atlas of surveys of Providence County, Rhode Island. Published by Evarts & Richards, Philadelphia, 1895."

This atlas contains forty-seven double page maps in colors of the cities and towns in Providence County. Size 16″ x 22″. Scale of sheets showing City of Providence 200 and 300 feet per inch. An index map of the City of Providence and adjacent territory on a scale of 2000 feet per inch accompanies this atlas. Now on file in the City Engineer's Office.

PRINTING.

The work of printing the early records of the Town of Providence has been continued in accordance with the plan first laid out by the Commissioners. Soon after their appointment they made a careful examination of the various books of records and outlined a policy of proceedure which should be followed in the event that the City Council should from time to time make provision for the purpose. The generous appropriations made have enabled them to put in print the earliest books of the town council and the town meetings.

The first books to which the Commissioners devoted their attention are four in number and are in the custody of the Recorder of Deeds. These books are the earliest now extant used for recording the various town proceedings and when used no systematic method of keeping records had been inaugurated.

No attempt at classification of records was made for many years and the books were designated with names suggested by their shape or other characteristics. There was "the Long old Booke with parchment cover," "the old Burnt Booke," and "the Booke

with Brass Clasps." This latter book when repaired and rebound some years ago was made into two volumes. These four books brought the records of the town up to about the year 1692.

Since the founding of the State up to the present time Town Councils have exercised the powers of Probate Courts.[1]

The records of the town council therefore contain all the probate proceedings, and as the first will book contained such town council records as well as the earliest wills and other matters relating to estates, it was thought best to print that volume especially as a transcript of it had already been made, the expense of copying it was saved.

This when completed made two printed volumes. Beginning with the year 1692 the records of both the town meeting and the town council were kept in separate books and these records the Commissioners have caused to be printed up to a period where their chronological sequence is unbroken.

Having reached this point the Commissioners have deemed it advisable to direct their attention to the preservation in print of the earliest books of land evidence or as they are commonly called, "Deed Books," in the custody of the Recorder of Deeds. On the records contained in these volumes depend the foundation title to all the lands in Providence and in fact to a large part of the territory in northern Rhode Island.

Two centuries wear and tear have already shown

[1] In cities and in some towns this custom has been done away with and Judges of Probate are regularly elected. In Providence the Municipal Court exercising probate jurisdiction was organized when the town became a city.

their effect upon these volumes and unless some attention is paid to them at once they will become so worn and mutilated as greatly to impair their value. The Commissioners have therefore had the first Deed Book, so called, copied for printers use and propose to put this in print next. The importance of preserving such records is shown by the fact that the City of Boston has caused to be printed in the most complete manner the six earliest deed books of Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

On account of the material contained in these books it has seemed to the Commissioners desirable to depart somewhat from the style in which the preceding volumes of the early records have been printed.

Since the presentation of the last report of this Commission death has removed our associate, George Moulton Carpenter, who died at Katwijk-aan-Zee July 31, 1896.

At a meeting of the Commissioners held on the first day of August, 1896, the following preamble and resolution were adopted and ordered spread upon the records of the Commission :

" Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life George Moulton Carpenter, one of the Record Commissioners of the City of Providence, whose death occurred at Katwijk-aan-Zee, Holland, July 31, 1896 :—*Resolved*, That in the death of Judge Carpenter his associates recognize the great loss which this Commission has sustained and desire to place upon record their appreciation of his services and worth and their sorrow at his untimely demise.

For more than five years, during the life of this Commission, the relations between the Commissioners and their late associate have been of such a character that its harmony has never been broken and so cordial, friendly, and intimate have been their association that their hours of labor have been hours of pleasure. The enthusiasm of our late associate for the work was intense, and his promptness in response to calls for his time and service, often at great personal sacrifice, was characteristic of the interest and zeal which he ever displayed.

Resolved, That in the death of Judge Carpenter the Commission has been deprived of an earnest, zealous, and sympathetic member—a member who has borne his full share in the work and who by his happy disposition has made light the hours of labor.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Records of the Commissioners.

In addition to this the Commissioners prepared a brief biographical memorial of Judge Carpenter which with a portrait was presented with the eleventh volume of the Early Records of the Town of Providence.

PROVIDENCE TAX ASSESSMENT LISTS.

Among the ancient records belonging to the city are many of the tax assessment lists although nothing like a complete collection now remains. In early times it was the habit of retiring town officials to retain in their own possession such papers as had accumulated during their terms of office and especially such as related to matter that had been

finally disposed of. Many of these, doubtless, have been destroyed, it being considered that they were of no further use or importance.

The following list includes all the tax lists, rate or assessment lists, that have thus far been brought to light, up to and including the year 1789:

A town rate, September 1650	Providence Town Papers No. 039
A town rate, June 1671	Providence Town Papers No. 0203
A town rate, July 1679	Providence Town Papers No. 0276
A list of two rates—one for £4, 8s. for payment of Joseph Jenckes on Colony's account—the other £7 assessed on town by Colony July 1680	Providence Town Papers No. 0308
A town rate of £11 July 1680	Providence Town Papers No. 0309
A town rate of £10 in country pay January 1680-81	Providence Town Papers No. 0331
A town and Colony rate, October 1684	Providence Town Papers No. 0440 No. 0441
A rate for support of "His Majesty's Government" by commissioner and selectmen July 1687	Providence Town Papers No. 0511
A town rate to support child of Thomas Waters, pay for pound and other things October 1687	Providence Town Papers No. 0516
A country rate August 1688	Providence Town Papers No. 0531
A list of inhabitants of Providence who are rated by the head—taken by the commissioner and selectmen August 1688	Providence Town Papers No. 0532
A rate for £128 January 1698	Providence Town Papers No. 0582

Providence Colony rate	June 1705.
A Colony rate August 1705	Providence Town Papers No 0631
Providence Colony rate	September 29, 1705.
Town's part in a Colony tax July 1720	Providence Town Papers No. 0976
A rate assessed on first and fourth companies of train band January 1744	Providence Town Papers No. 0776
A rate assessed on second and third companies of train band January 1744	Providence Town Papers No. 0777
Providence Colony rate	September 1749.
Providence Colony rate	January 1752.
Providence Colony rate	December 1754.
Providence Colony rate	December 1755.
Providence Colony rate	November 1756.
Providence Colony rate	January 1757.
Providence valuation list	June 1757 imperfect.
Providence Colony rate	July 1757.
Providence Colony rate	November 1757.
Providence Colony rate	November 1757 imperfect.
Providence Colony rate	December 1757.
Providence Colony rate	July 1758.
Rate Streak for an Engine January 1759	Providence Town Papers No. 323
Providence Colony rate	July 1759.
Providence Colony rate	July 1760.
Providence Colony rate	July 11, 1760.
Rate Streak for paying charges on engine January 1761	Providence Town Papers No. 344
Providence Colony rate	November 1761.
Providence Town rate	November 1761.
Providence Colony rate	October 1762.
Providence Colony rate	September 1763.
Providence Colony rate	September 1763.
Providence Colony rate	October 1764.
Providence Town rate	October 1764.

Providence proportion of Colony rate	1765–1766.
Providence Town rate	September 1766.
Providence Colony rate	July 1768.
Providence Colony rate	June 1769.
Providence Colony rate	June 1769.
Providence Colony rate	June 1770.
Providence Colony rate	November 1770.
Providence Colony rate and Fire Engine Tax	September 1771.
Providence Colony tax	September 1771.
Rate Streak for an Engine August 1772	Providence Town Papers No. 458
Providence Colony rate	September 1772.
Providence Colony tax	September 1772.
Providence Colony rate	October 1773.
Providence Colony rate	February 1775.
Providence Town rate	January 1776.
Providence rate streak	January 1777.
Providence Colony rate streak	March 1777.
Providence valuation list	March 1777.
Providence valuation list	May 1777.
Providence Colony rate	November 1777.
Providence valuation list	November 1777.
Providence Colony rate	February 1778.
Providence valuation list	February 1778.
Providence Colony rate streak	April 1778.
Providence valuation list	April 1778.
Providence Town rate	June 1778.
Providence valuation list	June 1778.
Providence rate streak	September 1778.
Providence valuation list	September 1778.
Providence rate streak	December 1778.
Providence valuation list	December 1778.
Providence rate streak	March 1779.
Providence valuation list	March 1779.
Providence rate streak	July 1779.
Providence valuation list	July 1779.

Valuation list July 1779	Providence Town Papers No. 0908
Providence valuation list	January 1780.
Providence rate streak	March 1780.
Providence valuation list	March 1780.
Providence rate streak	May 1780.
Providence valuation list	May 1780.
Providence valuation list	June 1780.
Providence rate streak	July 1780.
Providence rate streak	August 1780.
Providence valuation list	August 1780.
Providence rate streak	September 1780.
Providence rate streak	December 1780.
Providence valuation list	December 1780.
Providence valuation list	January 1781.
Providence rate streak	February 1781.
Providence rate streak	June 1781.
Providence valuation list	June 1781.
Providence rate streak	September 1781.
Providence valuation list	September 1781.
Providence rate streak	March 1782.
Providence valuation list	March 1782.
Providence rate streak	July 1782.
Providence valuation list	July 1783.
Providence rate streak	August 1783.
Providence valuation list	February 1784.
Providence rate streak	March 1784.
Providence valuation list	August 1784.
Providence rate streak	September 1784.
Providence rate streak	July 1785.
Providence valuation list	July 1785.
Providence State tax	October 1785.
Valuation list October 1785	Providence Town Papers No. 3588
Providence Town tax	September 1786.
Providence valuation list	September 1786.
Providence State tax	April 1787.
Providence valuation list	April 1787.
Providence rate streak	July 1787.
Providence valuation list	July 1787.

Providence rate streak	November 1787.
Providence valuation list	November 1787.
Providence valuation list	June 1788.
Providence rate streak	August 1788.
Providence rate streak	April 1789.
Providence valuation list	April 1789.
Providence valuation list	July 1789.
Providence rate streak	November 1789.
Providence valuation list	November 1789.
A defective list—no date	Providence Town Papers No. 01179
Assessment list — no date, imperfect	
Providence valuation of estates	No date.
A rate of 2 pennies 3 farthings to the pound—no date	Providence Town Papers No. 01092[1]

CONCLUSION.

The Commissioners have devoted much attention to the collecting and collating the various classes of records which for years have been scattered here and there among the public offices.

It is impossible to fully estimate the value that these old papers and documents may, at any time, be to the municipality, and they should be so arranged and classified that they can be consulted and made use of at any moment with the least possible trouble. The importance which those already prepared have been to the City shows conclusively that all the expense and hours of labor thus far bestowed upon them

[1] The tax lists not designated by special numbers are in separate bound volumes.

have been wisely expended and has justified the appropriations which have been placed in the hands of the Commission to prosecute the work.

Respectfully submitted,

HORATIO ROGERS,

EDWARD FIELD,

Record Commissioners.

PROVIDENCE, NOV. 3, 1897.

Map
of the
TOWN OF PROVIDENCE,
From
Actual Survey
BY DANIEL ANTHONY.
NORTH PROVIDENCE
NORTH BURIAL GROUND
PART OF NORTH PROVIDENCE
COVE
Mohassuck River
Mill Pond
Four Stack Meadow
Carpenters Pt.
WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
ATWELLS AVENUE
WESTMINSTER STREET
BROAD STREET
HIGH ST.
PAWTUXET
GEORGE STREET
SEEKONK RIVER
SEEKONK COVE
Friends Boarding School
New Hospital
Old Hospital
INDIA POINT
Fox Point
JOHNSTON LINE
CRANSTON LINE
NORTH PROVIDENCE LINE
Market House 1
Town House 2
Court House 3
1st Baptist Church 4
1st Congregational Church 5
2d Congregational Church 6
Episcopal Church 7
Congregational Church 8
Friends Meeting House 9
2 Baptist Church 11
3d Baptist Church 12
4th Baptist Church 13
Methodist Chapel 14
Universalist Church 15
African Church 16
School House 1st District 17
School House 2d District 18
School House 3d District 19
Grammar School House 23
Westminster School House 24
Custom House 25
Merchants and Union Banks 26
Providence Bank 27
Exchange Bank
Roger Williams Bank
Eagle Bank
Gaol
Work House
Bridewell
Hoyle Tavern

INTRODUCTION

TO THE

INDEX

Introduction to the Index.

The index here presented, while seeming to the casual reader to be simply an outline of some 1369 miscellaneous papers among the documentary possessions of the City of Providence, will prove, upon examination, to be a very complete explanation of the contents of the papers mentioned.

The Colonial and Revolutionary periods are particularly referred to in these manuscripts, but a few bear date as late as the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

Though each document by itself may at first glance seem fragmentary, yet a careful study of this index as a whole, will satisfy any one familiar with such material that here may be found basic data for a history of Providence Plantations and the other early settlements composing what is now the State of Rhode Island. Taken in connection with data already before the public the records outlined in the following pages will prove an important addition to the records of the town of Providence, and are worthy of most careful preservation.

The 1369 manuscripts here enumerated have been classified and arranged chronologically in five volumes, and to prevent confusion with other indexed papers each of these has the character o prefixed to its number.

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Nearly two centuries, it will be observed, are covered by the manuscripts embraced in this index, which, in round numbers, contains about 600 leading titles and 5,000 sub-references. It has been the aim of the Commissioners to bring out as completely as possible the features of the documents enumerated, so if a single reference fails to make clear the purport of any of these manuscripts, the reader will find cross-references that will.

Many of the leading titles in this index have been selected because of their appearance in other indexes prepared by the Commissioners, notably that in the Fourth Report, and those in the volumes of Early Records now in type.

It will be noticeable that there are many persons and places mentioned, some with names of English origin, others illustrating Indian nomenclature. There are references to Courts and their officials, to the towns and their public servants, to land claims and claimants, to the allotments in the town of Providence, to the "Purchasers and Proprietors" of Meshantatuck, Pawtuxet, Providence, and Westconnaug. Reference is made to the war with King Philip and the burning of Providence, the Pequot War, the Dutch and Indian War, and the war with Great Britain.

Copies of laws enacted by the General Assembly appear among these documents, and are referred to under "Bulk of Laws."

The "List of Titles" which follows this introduction will prove useful as a brief summary of what the index contains.

Special attention is called to certain features of nomenclature and arrangement which will prevent any misunderstanding and may prove of advantage.

So far as consistent with clearness all adjectives have been avoided in the leading titles.

Under the title "Assistant" may be found the names of twenty-nine persons arranged alphabetically, without respect to chronology, and with numerous references to their official services.

Many family names are spelled in a great variety of ways in the manuscripts here indexed, for example: Abbott, Balcom, Bailey, Clemence, Dyer, Edmonds, Gereardy, Harding, Hearnden, Holden, Holliman, Inman, Lippitt, Olney, Patey, Reape, Throckmorton, Tyler, Verin, Westcott, and Wright. As uniformity seemed preferable in an index of this character, names of early families have been spelled herein in accordance with the usage in Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.

Names of places now recognized in Rhode Island have been spelled in this index in accordance with the nomenclature adopted by the Commissioners who prepared the Topographical Map of the State in 1891 in cöoperation with the United States Geological Survey. In this category may be mentioned Louisquisset, Neutaconkanut, Mashapaug, Westconnaug, Wionkhiege, and Woonasquatucket. There are numerous ways of spelling Louisquisset in the Records, and as a matter of curiosity it may be noted that in the few documents mentioned under this title this word is spelled in no less than ten different ways, viz.: Loquasqussuck, Locusquessett, Loquessoett, Loquassqusock, Loakesquissit, Loquassquisck, Loquasset, Loksquesut, Loqisett, Loquassqussuck. Indian names not included in the Topographical Map above referred to that occur variously, have been spelled in accordance with the most frequent usage, as shown in the first ten volumes of the Early Records of the Town of Providence.

Under the title "Constable" appear thirty-seven names alphabetically arranged without reference to chronology. In most instances, however,

where the number of individual names under a heading are few, they have been arranged alphabetically under each year. In practically every instance, except those cited, sub-titles are arranged in chronological order. See Estate, General Assembly, Highway, Surveyors, Jurors, Etc.

Natural features are grouped under such headings as Bay, Brook, Cove, Falls, Field, Ford, Hill, Meadow, Neck, Plain, Point, Pond, River, Swamp, and Valley. Under Bridges may be found the names of fourteen bridges; under Brooks twelve brooks are mentioned. The word "Lot" has sub-references to "Forty-foot lots," "Home lot," "Jail lot," "Warehouse lot," and "Water lot."

There are documents, too, bearing on boundary questions. Some refer to troubles with the neighboring colonies, and others to arrangements between towns within the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Under the title "Memorandum" are some miscellaneous references. Where memoranda are known to refer to any other particular title of the index they have been placed under that title, but the memoranda given under this title are such as cannot be so placed.

One of the serious results of King Philip's War was the destruction of many official documents belonging to the town of Providence, so that titles to estates were thus left in obscurity. This fact is well illustrated in document 0676, referred to under Lot, Meadow, Throckmorton, Wright, and other titles. It details the results of an investigation made in the year 1709, concerning the ownership of lands originally allotted to John Throckmorton, proving very conclusively that the land records of Providence in that year were deficient in many particulars, and also showing in what manner the truth was arrived at in this instance. After reciting the statements in the records the report continues as follows: "But now having done with what I can yet find by ye records I shall mind something as to what fame reports as concerning Mr. Throckmorton's right of lands, the which is also well known and hath by ye Antcient neighbours been well known as well as the report of only fame, that Mr. Throckmorton had a house lott being 5 acres which Sam: Wright dwells on and one share of salt meadow near to Waybossett, and two pieces of salt marsh more for another share of meadow. The one piece lieing upon Wanasquatucket River and the other piece adjoined to Mr. Williams his meaddow, which sd two pieces both made one share the which said lot and meaddow Henry Wright bought. There is also 20 acres of land which Sam: Wright sold unto Mr Crwfrd which was also Mr Throckmortons, otherwise Sam: Wright could not have had it to have sold. There is also a house lott which was Edward Copes on which William Austin sometimes dwelt: there is also one share of meaddow upon the north side of Moshassuck River by Dexter's bridge," etc.

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Pawtuxet figured prominently in the early history of the State and there are many references to its purchase, its bounds, and its proprietors.

Under the title "Proprietors of Grand Purchase of Providence" are mentioned by name many of the early owners of the Plantation, and references are made to the requests for land, the several grants of land, claims, agreements, appointments of committees to negotiate settlements, and the reports of committees. There are also interesting references to the "Proprietors of Common Lands of Providence" both to the east and west of the Seven-Mile Line.

Undoubtedly the manner of giving the fullest knowledge of the papers in the possession of the city would be to print them *in extenso*, but, as they are so numerous, the expense of putting them all in type would be large, and the time required to do so would be great. In order, therefore, to make them as reasonably and immediately accessible, as the circumstances of the case seem to admit, the indexes accompanying the Commissioners' Fourth Report and their present Report, have been prepared, by the use of which the seeker for information can learn the general character of the papers, and thus be guided to any particular manuscript shedding light upon the subject engaging his attention. The practical value of these papers to the city from a pecuniary standpoint alone, since they have been arranged and rendered accessible by the Commissioners, has been abundantly proved, so that the wisdom of supplying, measurably at least, a key to their contents in the form of an index has been convincingly demonstrated.

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Stephen Arnold 1687 **0491** 1688 **0530** no date **01078**
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John Ainsel no date **01128**
John Angell no date **01180** **01185**
John Arnold no date **01082** **01261**
Thomas Arnold no date **01074** **01086** **01265**
James Ashton no date **01149** **01309**
William Austin no date **01098**
James Ballou no date **01128** **01249**
John Ballou no date **01128** **01223**
Peter Ballou no date **01128**
James Blackmar no date **01129** **01234** **01246**
Daniel Brown no date **01220**
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John Brown	no date 01071 01108 01120
Mary Burden	no date 01204
Timothy Carpenter	no date 01146 01192 01235
Joshua Clarke	no date 01279
Richard Clemence	no date 01164 01195
Thomas Clemence	no date 01128
Samuel Comstock	no date 01081
Mary Condin	no date 01191
Gideon Crawford	no date 01245
John Dexter	no date 01104 01163
Thomas Esten	no date 01178 01189 01266
Arthur Fenner, Jr.	no date 01187 01263
Thomas Fenner	no date 01090 01167 01237
John and Zachariah Field	no date 01173 01269
Thomas Field	no date 01193 01219 01288
Abraham Harding	no date 01058 01101
Israel Harding	no date 01231
John Harding	no date 01231
Stephen Harding	no date 01102 01231
Benjamin Hearnden	no date 01128 01325
John Hearnden	no date 01183
Joseph Hearnden	no date 01128
William Hearnden	no date 01128
Widow Hearnden	no date 01159
Andrew Harris, deceased	no date 01170
Mary Harris	no date 01247
Mary Harris, widow	no date 01139
Thomas Harris	no date 01164 01239
Edward Hawkins	no date 01181
William Hawkins	no date 01268
William Hawkins, Jr.	no date 01196
Thomas Hopkins	no date 01094 01128 01229
William Hopkins	no date 01116 01148 01164 01221
Edward Inman, Sr.	no date 01097 01279
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John Inman	no date 01128 01223 01318
George Keech	no date 01294
John Keese and wife	no date 01141 01172
Clement King	no date 01089
William Landers	no date 01188
John Malavery	no date 01128 01160
Abraham Man	no date 01232
Edward Manton	no date 01141 01172 01240
Shadrach Manton	no date 01141 01172 01222
Widow Mathuson	no date 01248

James Mattinson no date 01227
John Mowry no date 01128 01160
Nathaniel Mowry no date 01097
Epenetus Olney no date 01126 01212 01319
Thomas Olney no date 01149 01277 01309
Thomas Patey no date 01264 01276 01301
Ephraim Pray no date 01160 01164 01251
John Pray no date 01128 01160
William Pray no date 01120 01286
William Randall no date 01088 01183
Johanna Reape no date 01234 01246
Jeremiah Rhodes no date 01246
John Sayles no date 01151 01152 01280
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Timothy Sheldon no date 01059
Edward Smith no date 01128 01178 01242
John Smith (miller) no date 01095 01175
Joseph Smith no date 01313
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Jonathan Sprague no date 01153
John Thornton no date 01155 01183
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William Vincent no date 01166 01188 01296
Nathaniel Waterman no date 01182 01250 01297
Richard Waterman no date 01076 01260 01289
Benjamin Whipple no date 01075 01238
David Whipple no date 01066
Eleazer Whipple no date 01160 01164 01230
John Whipple no date 01068 01130 01290
John Whipple, Jr. no date 01083 01269
Jonathan Whipple no date 01061 01285
Joseph Whipple no date 01109 01226 01270
Samuel Whipple no date 01095 01205 01275
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Valentine Whitman no date 01128 01178 01183
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Daniel Marsh — Deputy Clerk attests drawing of jurors 1768 **01036**
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